



# SAM AND THE SCIENCE CENTER

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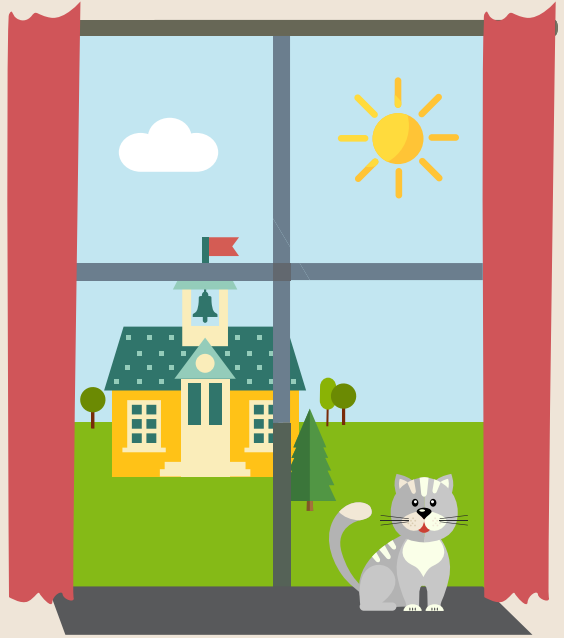
Tania fidgets excitedly as her mom combs her hair.

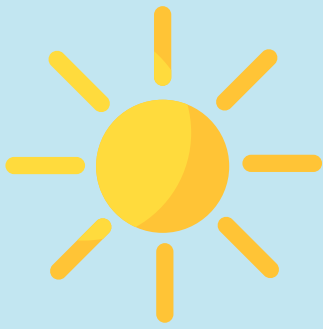
“Tania, dear, please hold still.”

“OK, Mom, but please hurry! I don’t want to miss the bus!”

Tania recently moved back home to live with her mom and dad. She was staying at Friendship Home while they got some help. She got to play and go to school and spend time with her parents every weekend. She’s happy to be living at home again, but right now she can’t wait to go to school.

Today is a special day for Tania’s class. It’s museum day! The class loves field trips, especially Tania. She loves to learn new things and see the exciting exhibits.





Tania and her class all board the bus for their field trip. Tania's classmates are just as excited about the museum as she is.

Everyone is talking loudly about what they might see that day. As the bus pulls to a stop, Miss Hope stands up at the front of the bus and says, "This is the Museum of Science!" Everyone on the bus cheers.

The students and a few of their parents get off the bus and follow Miss Hope into the museum.



As they enter the museum through the giant doors, all of the students gasp in amazement.

“Wow!” Tania and her friend Camilla both run toward the colorful displays. “Oh my gosh, this is like the future,” Tania exclaims as she looks around in wonder.

“Look! I’m glowing!” says Tania as she touches a display of neon lights.

“Come along now, class” said Miss Hope. “We don’t want to miss the special exhibit!”



The class gets back into a single file line. Tania sees her friend Sam in the gift shop with his mom, who is a chaperone. He is playing with a science kit.

“Mom, can I get this? Please?” Sam asks. His mom frowns, “Sam, honey, I wish I could, but with Dad between jobs right now, we just can’t.” Sam looks down and slowly puts away the kit.

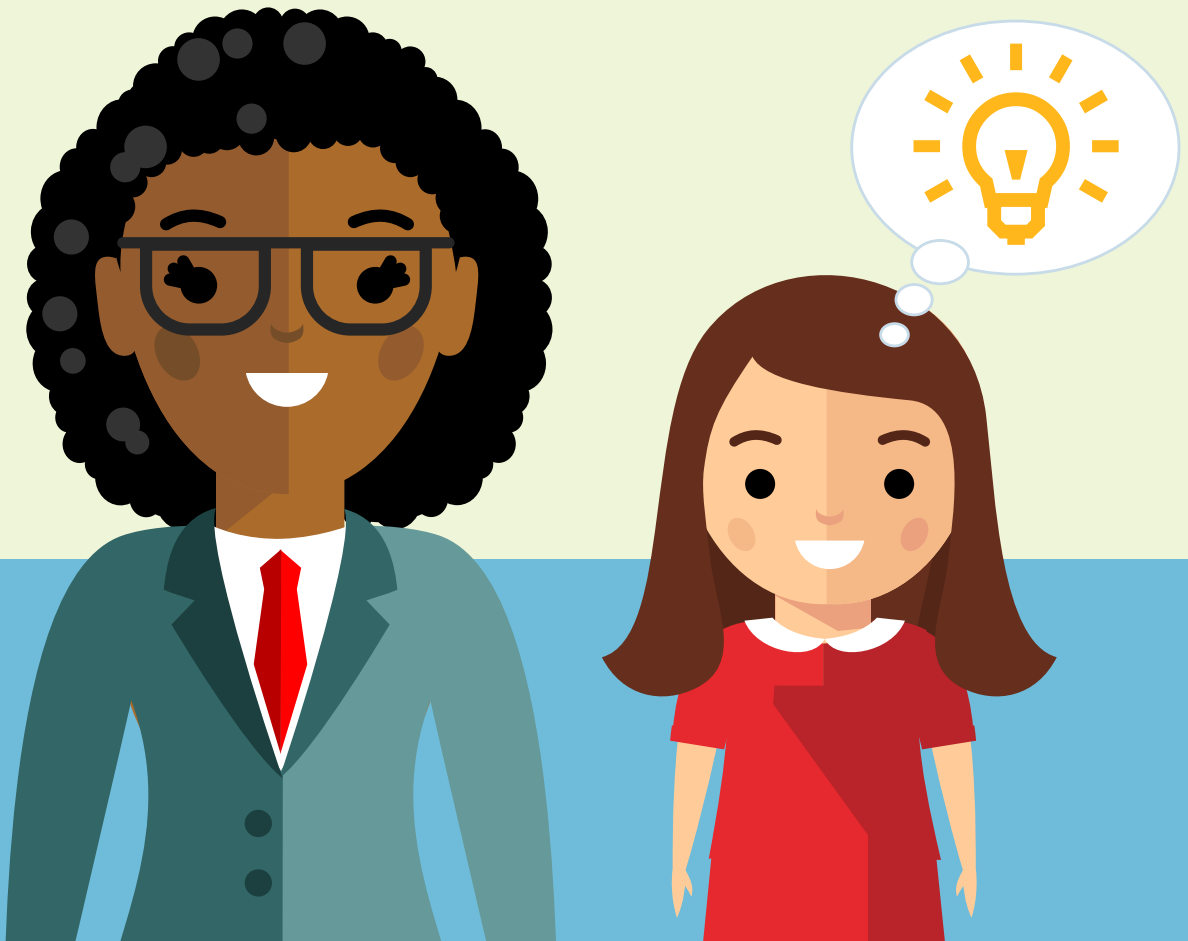
Tania feels sad for Sam, but she doesn’t want to be left behind from the group. “Hey Sam, we’re leaving,” she calls. “Let’s go!”



The class has the whole day to explore the galleries and exhibits at the museum. One is about the energy of the future, and there are entire rooms filled with ships and cars!

The students eagerly press their faces and hands up to each display to look at the artifacts. Camilla places her hands on a static electricity orb, watching the lights ebb and flow as she moves her hands. “Ooh, this is so cool!” she squeals. Sam is standing by the theater watching some of the videos about human DNA.

Tania tugs on Miss Hope’s sleeve. “Miss Hope? Can I tell you something? I think Sam would really like this idea...” Miss Hope kneels down. “Yes, Tania, I’m listening.” Tania whispers something into her ear, and Miss Hope smiles.



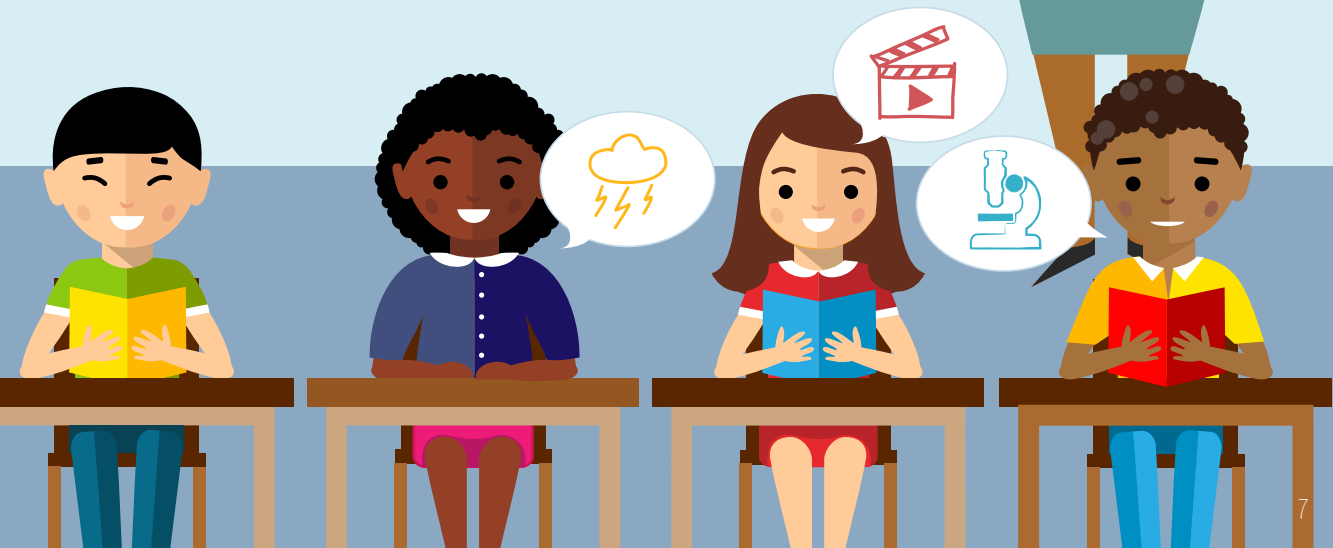
Back at school the next day, the class is still buzzing with excitement over their museum visit. Tania is excited to see if Miss Hope will say anything about her idea.

“Class, I hope each and every one of you enjoyed the museum yesterday. Would any of you like to tell me which exhibit was your favorite?” asks Miss Hope.

Tania raises her hand, waving excitedly, “The computer animation exhibit was really cool. I love seeing how they made those movies!”

Camilla shouts, “The storms exhibit! I’m not so scared of thunder anymore!” Miss Hope smiles.

“And how about you, Sam?” Sam looks up from his desk and responds unhappily, “Huh? Oh, the genetics room—I like to learn about things that are too small for our eyes to see. I wish I had a microscope.”



“Funny you should mention that!” says Miss Hope. “Class, as you know, our school has been trying to help students learn more about science. After yesterday’s museum visit, and thanks to Sam, I have an exciting announcement to make.”

Sam’s eyes widen. “Wait, me?” he asks.

“Well, you and some of your friends,” Miss Hope says, winking at Tania. “Our school is going to open a new and improved science center!”

“That’s just what I was wishing for!” says Sam.

“We’ll be getting new science materials, books, and tools. Sam will be our first Scientist of the Month and decide what the first learning lab will be!” Miss Hope announces. The class cheers. “And, Sam will receive a scholarship to continue pursuing his passion for science!” The class cheers again.





A big smile spreads over Sam's face. "I can't believe it! Thank you, Miss Hope! I want to build a genome laboratory and make the world's next discovery!" he exclaims.

Tania hugs Sam. "Now you have the biggest science kit ever!" she says.

Sam realizes what Tania did for him, and he smiles. "Sometimes the most extraordinary things in life happen when you least expect it!" he says.

"With good friends and the opportunity to learn," says Miss Hope, "there's no limit to what we can achieve!"



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